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For: ARRANGEMENT FOR CONTROLLING LEARNING OF LAYER 3 NETWORK
        ADDRESSES IN A NETWORK SWITCH

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<u>**AMENDMENT**</u>

Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

In response to the Official Action mailed March 24, 2003, please amend the application is

follows:

<u>IN THE CLAIMS</u>:

Please amend claim 4 as follows:

4. (AMENDED) The method of claim 3, wherein the disabling step includes

permanently setting the one network switch port into a nonlearning mode by a host controller,

based on the identifying step.